GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DISINVESTMENT
LOK SABHA

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DISINVESTMENT OF HCL
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Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any Memorandum from Hindustan Cables Limited, Hyderabad, Employees Union urging the Government not to go ahead with their proposal for its Disinvestment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Employees Union have represented to stop closure of HCL and simultaneous merger of the company with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.

(c) The disinvestment of HCL could not be completed due to adverse industry conditions, lack of bidders` interest and poor financial condition of the company. The case of Hindustan Cables Ltd. has been returned to the Administrative Ministry (i.e. Department of Heavy Industry, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises) for appropriate action.